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19. (Amended) A method for producing an alkali metal-containing niobate-based piezoelectric sintering material composition, comprising:

adding an additive powder containing at least one element selected from the group consisting of Cu, Li and Ta to a powder of niobate represented by formula $ANbO_3$, wherein A is an alkali metal, then blending these powders together;

molding said blended powders and sintering the same.

26. (Amended) The alkali metal-containing niobate-based piezoelectric material composition according to claim 15, wherein $x = 0$ to 0.1 , $y = 0$ to 0.8 , $z = 0$ to 0.4 , exclusive of $(x = 0, z = 0)$, $(x = 0.08$ to $0.1, z = 0)$, $(x = 0.1, z = 0.2)$, $(x = 0.1, z = 0.3)$, $(x = 0.08$ to $0.1, z = 0.4)$ for piezoelectric constant (d_{31}).

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27. (Amended) The alkali metal-containing niobate-based piezoelectric material composition according to claim 15, wherein $x = 0$ to 0.1 , $y = 0$ to 0.8 , $z = 0$ to 0.4 , exclusive of $(x = 0, z = 0)$, $(x = 0.06$ to $0.1, z = 0)$, $(x = 0.1, z = 0.1)$, $(x = 0.08$ to $0.1, z = 0.2)$, $(x = 0, z = 0.3)$, $(x = 0.08$ to $0.1, z = 0.3)$, $(x = 0$ to $0.02, z = 0.4)$, $(x = 0.08$ to $0.1, z = 0.4)$ for electromechanical coupling factors (k_p).

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment only corrects obvious typographical errors. No new matter is introduced thereby.